608 family members and 523 Wisconsin PROMISE youth already have had paid work.*

*1,018 youth and families receive PROMISE supports

Some PROMISE families and youth have already worked their way completely off benefits.

Note: Numbers updated as of 3/25/18.
Since 2014, PROMISE has enrolled 2,024 youth ages 14-16 who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and their families:

- 1,006 randomly assigned to receive services as usual
- 1,018 randomly assigned to receive access to Wisconsin PROMISE Services

Wisconsin PROMISE Services:
- For both youth and their family
- Provided by Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- Collaboration: DVR, schools, mental health programs, long term care programs, and child welfare programs work together to support youth and families
- Services include career exploration and planning, job development and placement, on the job supports, Work Incentives Benefits Counseling (how one can work and increase their overall income and continue access to needed health insurance), financial training and coaching, social skills training, and self- and family- advocacy training
- Services are available for at least 2.5 years to both the youth and their family

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Initial PROMISE Findings:
A foundation of wraparound supports for a family, including Medicaid healthcare, is essential to helping an SSI recipient youth and their family move off of public benefits and break the cycle of poverty.

PROMISE families are starting to work and earn more, leading to less reliance on SSI payments for income. For some families who are no longer dependent on SSI for Medicaid eligibility, Katie Beckett may be an option for them to access healthcare for their child. The Katie Beckett Program is a special eligibility process that allows certain children with long-term disabilities, mental illness, or complex medical needs, living at home with their families, to obtain a Wisconsin ForwardHealth Medicaid card. Families can also explore other options with a Work Incentives Benefits Specialist.

FoodShare benefits can be common for PROMISE families. Since PROMISE enrollment, project participants have decreased FoodShare use at a faster rate ($39,316 decrease in benefits compared to $17,520 decrease in benefits over 21 months.)

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